

Economic Development Administration

Partnership Planning Priorities

February 5, 2007



Two Topics to Discuss

- 1. EDA Partnership Planning Program**
- 2. Steps EDA is Taking Today**

**EDA is absolutely and
positively committed
to robust planning**



EDA Support for Planning

- **EDA support for planning is \$27 million annually – the highest percentage ever**
- **All recognized districts now being funded**
- **EDA Research initiative currently developing new training curriculum for EDDs**
- **Six regional conferences in 2007**
- **EDD roundtables in every state**

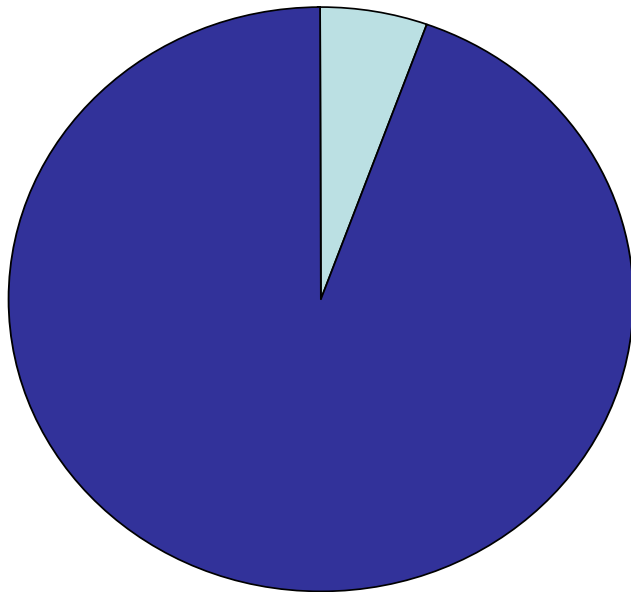
Challenge for the Planning Community

Develop performance metrics:

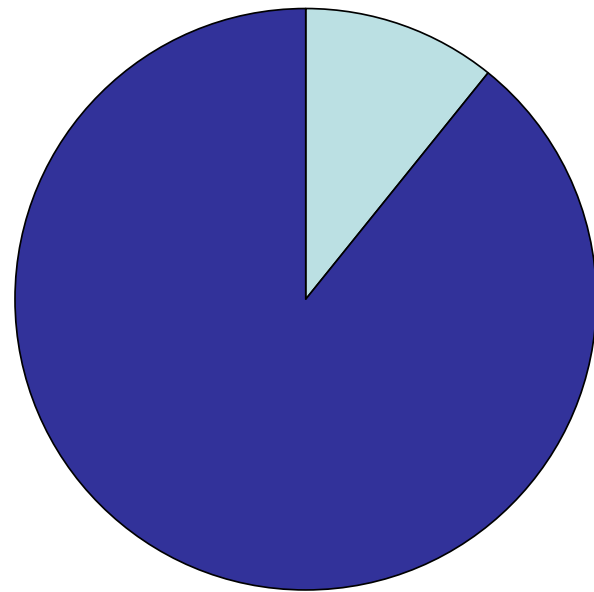
- a. Outcome based*** – measures results achieved, not tasks completed
- b. Quantifiable*** – based on mutually accepted data

Planning as a Percentage of EDA's Total Budget

2001 = 5.8%



2006 = 10.8%



EDA Personnel Count

	2000	2007	
Headquarters	94	53	Down 44%
Regions	167	122	Down 27%

Partnership Planning Solutions

- **Three-year grant cycle**
- **Uniform CEDS performance measures**
- **Standard evaluation processes among regional offices**

Regional Development Account (RDA)

- **Maintains EDA's strong commitment to rural areas...no change in selection process**
- **Allows grantees to combine public works and technical assistance requests in one investment application**
- **Provides administrative savings for EDA**
- **Gives regional offices greater flexibility to respond to regional conditions**
- **Protects the Planning Program**

